

## REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action the examiner requested "copies of the three foreign patents cited on the IDS filed on January 17, 2002" for the record. According to applicant's records a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement disclosing three references reported by the EPO, with accompanying First Class Mail Certificate, was mailed on November 2, 2001. Applicant received a return postcard from the USPTO with an indicated applicant's mailing date of November 2, 2001 and a USPTO stamp date of January 17, 2002. It is presumed that this is the IDS to which the examiner refers. Applicant has enclosed herewith a copy of the SIDS, a copy of the Communication from the EPO, a copy of the return postcard, and the copies of the three references, two in Japanese accompanied by English language abstracts as received from the EPO.

Applicant respectfully requests the examiner to rejoin claim 3 with allowed claims 1-2 and pass them to issue at this time. Applicant's agent is available in order to expedite the allowance of this case at 215-641-7822 or by FAX at 215-619-1918.

Respectfully Submitted,



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